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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR APRIL 18 EC MINISTERIAL AND
POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETINGS
1. FORTHCOMING LONDON MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS,
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18 AND 19, WILL BE
CONFINED TO AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING OF APRIL 18.
IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY A MORNING SESSION OF THE
EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A
PRESS CONFERENCE BY UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND A
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DINNER HOSTED BY OWEN. AGENDA ITEMS, AS PROVIDED
BY PRESIDENCY SECRETARIAT (WESTON) ARE SUMMARIZED
BELOW.

2. AFRICA
A. OWEN WILL MAKE A REPORT ON HIS VISIT TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WILL OUTLINE THE PROSPECTS FOR

A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. THERE MAY BE A FURTHER EC STATEMENT ON RHODESIA.

B. OWEN WILL DISCUSS AMIN AND UGANDA, BUT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF A STRONG STATEMENT IN VIEW OF THE DELICATE POSITION OF THOSE EC MEMBERS WITH MISSIONS IN KAMPALA.

C. NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE.

D. THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO OUTLINE THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE.

3. CSCE

A. THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE THEIR APPROVAL TO THE "HIBBERT COMPROMISE" FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE (LONDON 5579).

B. AT HIBBERT'S INITIATIVE, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAVE INSTRUCTED THE CSCE WORKING GROUP TO COME UP WITH SPECIFIC "NEW PROPOSALS" IN TIME FOR THE MINISTERIAL SESSION. (WESTON SAID THAT HIBBERT HAD CONTRASTED THE PRECISE US DRAFT PROPOSALS WITH THE VAGUE STATEMENTS OF THE WORKING GROUP AND HAD ORDERED THE LATTER TO GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS.)

4. CYPRUS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA BUT NO ACTION IS PLANNED BY THE NINE AT PRESENT. HOWEVER, IF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS HAVE RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES BY THE TIME OF THE MEETING, THERE MAY BE SOME IMPETUS TO CONSIDER WHETHER AN EC INITIATIVE WOULD HELP. MEANWHILE, THE NINE ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENSE INTEREST.

5. MIDDLE EAST - THE PROPOSED EC STATEMENT WHICH WAS NEVER ISSUED HAS, TO SOME EXTENT, BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AND THERE IS AT PRESENT STILL NO INTENTION TO PRESS FOR A STATEMENT; IN FACT, IT MAY BE DEFERRED UNTIL AUTUMN IF IT IS TO BE ISSUED AT ALL. MEANWHILE, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL HEAR ACCOUNTS OF RECENT VISITS TO THE AREA BY THE FRENCH, GERMAN, AND ITALIAN MINISTERS.

6. EASTERN EUROPE - THE MINISTERS WILL RECEIVE THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' STUDY OF THE DISSENT AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN EASTERN EUROPE. THE UK WILL PUSH FOR ADOPTION OF EC POLICY GUIDANCE IN THIS FIELD.

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